

# BLUE PRINT

NORTH RODNEY BLUE LIGHT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## THE WAREHOUSE

Another successful fundraising campaign was conducted at the Northern Region Warehouse Stores from Albany to Kaitaia.

This event has been held for the last four years. The Warehouse stores compete amongst themselves to achieve the best results. Over the years the campaign has included; a cycle challenge involving exercise bikes with Blue Light staff and volunteers competing with Warehouse staff; and lock up cells involving locking up Police Officers, local personalities and school principals. This year the Dargaville store made and sold cakes to their staff and the Snells Beach store held a raffle and sold cup cakes. Blue Light staff and volunteers ran sausage sizzles.

Within the region, the Dargaville store came first and the Snells Beach store came second.

Funds raised are donated to Blue Light and will be directed towards the subsidy of our Life Skills programmes.

The Life Skills programme centres on a one week live-in experiential learning camp in partnership with the New Zealand Defence Force, NZ Police and Blue Light staff and focusses on leadership training, practical skills, self-confidence and leaderless tasks. This programme is a pathway to future opportunities for youth.



North Rodney Blue Light at Snells Beach on an earlier campaign.

## MANGAWHAI COMMUNITY PATROL

North Rodney Blue Light donated their surplus van to the newly formed Mangawhai Community Patrol.

These people are part of a growing nationwide network of volunteers. If you are interested in Community Patrols visit <http://www.cpnz.org.nz/purpose/>



## STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

North Rodney Blue Light wishes to thank Al Mason of Mason Containers, Warkworth who has kindly supplied, on loan, a refurbished 20' container to be located at the Wellsford Police Station.



## STAFF TRAINING

Staff and volunteers attended a recent training course in Helensville on "Creating an appropriate funding strategy for your NGO". Several suggested ideas have been implemented to improve our fundraising strategies.



Female students shoot more accurately.



Skills increase in a very short time



Safety briefings are an important part of ensuring our youth engage in all aspects of our programs

## ACTIVITIES

Boxfit training has recommenced with the Wellsford Police Youth Aid officer Shaz Glen instructing Rodney College students. Impact School and Living Way School are looking at commencing next school term.

Archery and air-rifle target shooting introductory programmes for Impact School were carried out at Port Albert Domain.

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*“Blue Light subsidises all programmes and activities for youth” says Shane Gould*

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A School Dance for Tauhoa School was conducted and well attended by all of the school.

Programmes for children who are victims of family violence are being developed with Police staff from the Youth and Community Services section.

## VOLUNTEERS

North Rodney Blue Light also wishes to thank Kristal Gould for assisting on the Gemstone programmes held at Living Way School and Mangawhai Beach School and at the Sausage Sizzle held at the Dargaville Warehouse.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Kristal Gould

## BLUE LIGHT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year’s AGM was held at the Blue Light Wairakei Lodge outside of Taupo. The lodge is now fully owned by Blue Light and is going through some major changes to incorporate the start of a new Blue Light senior boys Charter School in January 2018. The school will be for 90 boys commencing initially with 30 in year 11. Students will live in and attain Duke of Edinburgh awards, Lifeskills courses with the NZ Defence force, a full drivers licence together with normal schooling subjects. North Rodney presented its latest youth pathway program

## COMING UP

Rainbow’s End Fun Day Sunday 10 September 2017 for Year 7-8 students.

## WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS THIS MONTH



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